

## **N.H. Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership**

### **Meeting Minutes**

April 2 2009 9-12 US Forest Service Field Office, Durham

#### **Attendees:**

Fred Borman (unh), Chris Cabot (nh audubon), Rachel Johnson (unh), David Burdick (unh jel), Florence Peterson (usfs), Kevin Lucey (nhcp), Mary Currier (rccd), Peter Wellenberger (gbnerr).

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Chris Mattrick, White Mt. National Forest.

### **I. Regulatory barriers to the effective invasive plant control:**

There are a series of regulatory impediments specific to the Division of Pesticide Control that hinder the effective control of invasive plants. A spirited discussion among CWIPP Partners revealed the following issues:

- NH's Pesticide rules were enacted before invasive plants were recognized as a problem;
- There are no provisions for Early Detection-Rapid Response;
- Pesticide rules that require the specific plant to be listed on the label is far too restrictive. In the case of Oriental Bittersweet, there is not an approved herbicide in NH because it is not listed on a label. In other instances, where multiple species occur at the same site, different herbicides may be required. In other instances, research indicates that other herbicides (approved for use within the specific habitat type but not specifically listing the species) are more effective.
- The Division of Pesticide Control should consider deferring to the Federal Standard (Exemption 2ee), which is less restrictive.
- We recommend that approvals be based on the habitat type listed on the label, not the species.

**ACTION:** Kevin and Mary Currier will draft a letter describing these impediments and recommendations. The letter will be sent to CWIPP Partners for review. This issue will be re-visited at the next Steering Committee meeting.

### **II. CWIPP Invasive Plant Control Fact Sheets**

On March 19, Bob Wolff (Division of Pesticide Control) attended the meeting of the CWIPP Treatment and Control Subcommittee. Bob commented upon the Partnership's effort to create factsheets, which included:

- Change fact sheets to include the following: *CAUTION: ALWAYS READ THE ENTIRE HERBICIDE LABEL. HERBICIDES ARE REGULATED AND MAY ONLY BE USED UNDER SPECIFIC CONDITIONS. ALL PESTICIDES USED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE MUST BE REGISTERED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CONTROL OF INVASIVE SPECIES WITH PESTICIDES REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE STATE. CONTACT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF PESTICIDE CONTROL (603-271-3550) FOR INFORMATION ON PESTICIDE REGISTRATION, HOW TO ACQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT, AND OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS IN THIS STATE.*
- Take out specific use instructions from the pesticide-specific guidance. It is better that the reader refer to the full label for complete instructions. If use instructions are shown on the fact sheet there

is a danger a reader will not bother to look at the label, missing important information on application techniques, precautions, and other information intended to ensure the safe, effective application of pesticides.

- You should include the EPA Registration Number if specific herbicide products are listed. This will eliminate any ambiguity with regard to what pesticide is being referenced.
- Consider placing a disclaimer indicating that the naming of any product does not constitute an endorsement of that product or application technique, but rather is a guide to what products are presently registered for the uses described.
- Consider mentioning that labels and registrations change from year to year, so applicators should check with the division to determine the current status of a product.
- Also mention, in an appropriate place, that "The Label is the Law," and New Hampshire requires that all pesticides be applied in *strict* accordance with the label.

**ACTION:** Katie to update existing factsheets for Pepperweed, Japanese knotweed, Purple Loosestrife, and *Phragmites*.

**ACTION:** Kevin to follow up with Bob Wolff to see if the Division would be willing to populate a matrix of State Prohibited Invasive plants and herbicides approved for their control.

### **III. Updates:**

Odiorne Invasive Plant Control- Earth Day Event: April 22nd 2009- 9am-3pm- Seacoast Science Center is organizing the second phase of an invasive plant control project at Odiorne Point State Park. Timberland Inc. is expected to provide 250 volunteers and equipment for those volunteers. Technical guidance from resource professionals associated with CWIPP would be of great value to this and future projects.

**ACTION:** CWIPP partners are invited to participate in the Odiorne invasive plant control project on April 22. We will meet at the main parking lot near the Seacoast Science Center at 9am. Please bring your own tools, work gloves, water, and food. Please also RSVP.

### **IV. Speaker Series**

Chris Mattrick, the Non-Native Invasive Species (NNIS) program on the White Mountain National Forest: species, successes, hurdles, and starting a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21 at USFS Office in Durham- 9-12**